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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously Presented) The personal care garment of Claim 5 wherein the side seam has a width of less than about 30 mm.
3. (Previously Presented) The personal care garment of Claim 5 wherein the side seam has a width of about 2 mm to about 10 mm.
4. (Previously Presented) The personal care garment of Claim 5 wherein the side seam has a width of about 3 mm to about 5 mm.
5. (Currently Amended) A personal care garment comprising:
a front waist region, a back waist region, and a crotch region extending between the waist regions;
a first side panel extending from the front waist region;

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a second side panel extending from the back waist region;

a side seam connecting an inner surface of an edge portion of the first side panel to an inner surface of an edge portion of the second side panel, the edge portion of the second side panel folded flat with respect to and bonded directly to an outer surface of the second side panel; and

a ribbon cover laid over the side seam and covering the side seam, the ribbon cover having a first edge portion bonded directly to an outer surface of the first side panel and a second edge portion bonded directly to the outer surface of the second side panel, ~~the ribbon cover covering the side seam, wherein the ribbon cover~~ [[has]] having a width of about 5 mm to about 50 mm.

6. (Previously Presented) The personal care garment of Claim 5 wherein the ribbon cover has a width of about 7 mm to about 15 mm.

7. (Previously Presented) The personal care garment of Claim 5 wherein the ribbon cover extends beyond a side edge of the side seam at least about 2 mm.

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8. (Previously Presented) The personal care garment of Claim 5 wherein the ribbon cover extends beyond a side edge of the side seam about 0 mm to about 15 mm.

9-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The personal care garment of Claim 5 wherein the ribbon cover is bonded ultrasonically.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A disposable garment, comprising:
a chassis comprising a front waist region and a back waist region, and
defining a waist opening and first and second leg openings;

a first side seam extending from the waist opening to the first leg opening connecting an inner surface of a first front side panel extending from the front waist region and an inner surface of a first back side panel extending from the back waist region;

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a first ribbon cover having a first edge portion bonded directly to an outer surface of the first front side panel and a second edge portion bonded directly to an outer surface of the first back side panel and extending from the waist opening to the first leg opening, the first ribbon cover covering the first side seam and having a width of about 5 mm to about 50 mm;

a second side seam extending from the waist opening to the second leg opening connecting an inner surface of a second front side panel extending from the front waist region and an inner surface of a second back side panel extending from the back waist region; and

a second ribbon cover having a first edge portion bonded directly to an outer surface of the second front side panel and a second edge portion bonded directly to an outer surface of the second back side panel and extending from the waist opening to the second leg opening, the second ribbon cover covering the second side seam and having a width of about 5 mm to about 50 mm.

16. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 15 wherein the front side panel and the back side panel, the first ribbon cover and the second ribbon cover each comprises an elastic material.

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17. (Original) The disposable garment of Claim 15 wherein the first ribbon cover and the second ribbon cover each comprises an elastic material.

18. (Previously Presented) The disposable garment of Claim 15 wherein a width of the first ribbon cover is greater than a width of the first side seam and a width of the second ribbon cover is greater than a width of the second side seam.

19-37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A personal care garment comprising:
a front waist region, a back waist region, and a crotch region extending between the waist regions,

a first side panel extending from the front waist region;

a second side panel extending from the back waist region;

a side seam connecting an inner surface of an edge portion of the first side panel to an inner surface of an edge portion of the second side panel, the edge portion of the second side panel folded flat with respect to and bonded directly to an outer surface of the second side panel; and

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a ribbon cover laid over the side seam and covering at least a portion of the side seam, the ribbon cover connected to an outer surface of the garment, the ribbon cover covering at least a portion of the side seam, wherein the ribbon cover has and having a width of about 5 mm to about 50 mm.

39. (Currently Amended) A personal care garment comprising:
a front waist region, a back waist region, and a crotch region extending between the waist regions,

a first side panel extending from the front waist region;

a second side panel extending from the back waist region;

a side seam connecting an inner surface of an edge portion of the first side panel to an inner surface of an edge portion of the second side panel, the edge portion of the second side panel folded flat with respect to and bonded directly to an outer surface of the second side panel; and

a ribbon cover laid over the side seam and covering at least a portion of the side seam, the ribbon cover connected to an outer surface of the garment, the ribbon cover covering at least a portion of the side seam, wherein the ribbon cover has and having a width of about 7 mm to about 15 mm.